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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 15, line 25 -- page 16, line 2, as follows:

More information regarding programmable fragment processing may be found by reference to a co-pending application entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR PROGRAMMABLE FRAGMENT PROCESSING IN A GRAPHICS PIPELINE" filed concurrently herewith by the same inventors under App. Serial No.: 10/000,996~~attorney docket number~~ ~~NVIDP067/P000049~~, and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.